

# Harper Today's Candidate to Win Second Game From St. Louis Browns

**HARPER-GROOMED FOR TODAY'S GAME WITH ST. LOUIS CLUB**

**Jim Park Stated to Oppose the Hackensack Hurler at the Mound City.**

**McGOVERN TURNED BACK**

**Nick Altrock Surprised That His Youthful Pitcher Didn't Develop.**

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ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 17.—Harry Harper, the Hackensack southpaw, has been chosen by the Old Fox to oppose the Browns today, and if he is anywhere near as good as he was in Chicago, he should win his contest with Fiedler Jones' young athletes. There is no telling, though, what happens to any of Griff's twirlers these days, and so it will be safer to lay no bets on the probable outcome.

Jim Parks, a youngster, is the probable selection of the Browns manager, Parks is one of the best pitchers in the St. Louis garage, and is the most feared by the Griffmen. If he is sent to the mound, instead of Dave Danforth, the invaders will have to hustle to land the victory.

Kenneth McGovern, the Knox College southpaw twirler, has been turned back. Manager Griffith has been told that McGovern is not a pitcher, but a catcher, and that he will endeavor to show himself worthy of hanging on for the rest of the season.

As foretold in these columns, McGovern failed to show anything warranting his being held by the Griffmen. He has apparently lost all his control, and at least until he changes his style, it is a pity to have this youngster fall down, for I hoped he would be a winner from the start. He showed me enough last fall to turn the trick, but I wouldn't have him on the Winnipeg team.

"Zeb" Milan's father is here, staying at the Buckingham and trying to see his son in action as a major leaguer. The older Milan has made a hit with Manager Griffith and his boys, and he has been told that he is a better hitter than the younger Milan. Zeb Milan's tales of hunting and fishing hold the highest rank in the Griffmen's estimation, and the older Milan can easily beat Zeb.

Yesterday's contest was called off because of the heavy rain that fell at 2 o'clock, and a lighter storm fell at 3:15, but the playing field was in perfect condition, and there was no necessity for postponing the pastime, except that a few folks turned out to see the battle. As it is now the next time the Griffmen come to St. Louis, a double bill will have to be offered to the fans.

Manager Griffith has switched his players again. Instead of starting Jim Shaw and Doc Ayers here, the Old Fox will try to make hay while the sun shines. In other words, he will try to win all three games here by using Harry Harper today and Walter Johnson tomorrow. Griff had intended sending Bert Galla to the hillcock yesterday, but rain prevented, and today Harper will tackle Fiedler Jones' outfit, and tomorrow the Weiser wizard will try his luck.

Living so near to the big city, the Griffmen have a lot of trouble in getting to the ball yard most of them went to their rooms for a few card games. The others, however, are playing, and some of them are better than the others. The Griffmen are waiting for dinner to be served.

After dinner a lot of the boys went downtown to attend the big Democratic convention. Wednesday night the boys were unable to get into the Coliseum, but last night some of them did better luck and managed to hear some of the heated atmosphere.

Manager Griffith is trying to have Fiedler Jones advance the starting time of tomorrow's contest in order to allow his team to catch an early train for Philadelphia. If Jones will agree, the baseball day battle will begin at 2:30, and the Griffmen will catch the 4:30 train for the East. This connection will save them a whole night on the road, beginning their trip to the Land of Nod Monday night instead of Tuesday morning.

Thus far on the road the Griffmen have won but three games, one each in Cleveland, Chicago, and St. Louis. Twelve more remain to be played, two out here in the West and ten in the East. Only superlative playing will bring the Griffmen home with a mark of .500 on the road.

**Hughes in No-Hit Game; Pirates Are Victims**

BOSTON, June 17.—Hughes led the Pirates down without a hit or run here yesterday, the home team winning by a 2-0 count. The Boston pitcher gave only two passes and fanned seven batters. Hans Wagner being a victim. Manager McGraw, however, both of the Braves runs. The score: R. H. E. Pittsburgh..... 000 000 0 0 1 Boston..... 000 000 0 0 2

Batteries—Kantlehner, Harmon and Schmidt Hughes and Gowdy, Truesdell.

**Tennis Tournament To Be Held Monday**

Play in the tennis tournament for the junior championship of the District on the Princeton Club courts has been postponed until Monday because of the condition of the courts from the rain. On account of the postponement of the tournament the entries in the singles will be kept open until tomorrow evening, and the entries in the doubles will not close until Monday evening. Players must be under twenty years old to be eligible.

# Looks Like Griff Has Signed A New Member



## Hitting of Griffmen Needs Improvement

**Other Clubs Have Many More Players Up Among the Leaders of League Official Batting Figures. Speaker Still Real Leader.**

If the Griffmen hope to stay up among the leaders of the first division, there must be a decided break in hitting before long. This conclusion is reached by a close perusal of the league's official batting figures, which are tabulated below.

Washington's first player in the list is nineteenth. He is Clyde Milan, and his mark is .332. Charlie Jamieson is the next Griffman on the list, being thirtieth in the league, and Walter Johnson comes thirty-fifth.

Ahead of the first Washington batter in the list are five from Detroit, three from St. Louis and Cleveland; two from Chicago, Philadelphia, and Boston each, and one from New York. So it is plain to see that a better hitting stride must be established if the team is to stay up in the race. The team is fourth in club batting records.

The complete American League dope up to Thursday:

Myers, Atl.	16	38	5	12	0	2	.316
Hellman, Det.	51	184	22	58	4	4	.315
Smith, Cle.	40	115	14	38	1	4	.313
W. Miller, N.Y.	32	104	9	32	1	0	.308
W. Miller, St. L.	46	126	19	38	7	13	.302
Roth, Cle.	34	96	17	29	1	7	.302
Felsch, Cle.	21	47	8	14	0	2	.298
Speaker, Cle.	14	44	1	10	1	0	.291
New York	48	15	9	490	107	1	
Athletics	51	16	6	440	105	0	
Boston	59	14	5	400	90	0	

Leading Ten Sluggers.

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Speaker, Cle.	14	4	1	106	21	0	